

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS,
CHAPTER 50-4, EXAMINATIONS,
RULE 50-4-.01 EXAMINATIONS.
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers Rules, Chapter 50-4, Examinations, Rule 50-4-.01 Examinations. (hereinafter "proposed rule amendments"). The proposed rule amendments include revisions to Rule 50-4-.01. The Board voted to post this notice of adoption and hearing at its board meeting on December 13, 2013.

The proposed rule amendments change the name of the examination administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards to reflect the current name, update the validity of completed exams to reflect current policy of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and establish that certain applicants may be admitted to the examinations upon establishment of an Intern Development Program record.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers' web page at <http://www.sos.ga.gov/plb/architects/>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on February 21, 2014 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendments. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information for the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business

(5:00 p.m.) on February 14, 2014. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-314-9128.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers at its meeting on February 21, 2014, scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendments to Rule 50-4-.01 pursuant to authority contained in OCGA §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-4-9, and 43-4-11.

The Board will consider at its meeting on February 21, 2014 whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment imposes excessive regulatory costs on any licensee or entity and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of OCGA §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-4-9, and 43-4-11.

Additionally, at its meeting on February 21, 2014, the Board will consider whether it is legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of OCGA §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-4-9, and 43-4-11 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The Board will consider whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner when small businesses are independently owned and operated and not dominant in the field of architecture.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 18th day of December, 2013.

Lisa W. Durden
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: December 18, 2013.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS RULES,
CHAPTER 50-4, EXAMINATIONS,
RULE 50-4-.01 EXAMINATIONS.**

Rule 50-4-.01 Examinations. is hereby proposed for amendment and adoption as amended.

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed rule amendments is to change the name of the examinations administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, to change the validity of completed exams to reflect current National Council of Architectural Registration Boards policies, and to allow certain applicants to be admitted to the examinations upon establishment of a record with the Intern Development Program.

Main Features: The main features of the proposed amendments to the rule are changes to the examinations administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards to reflect current policies.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND
THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS,
CHAPTER 50-4 EXAMINATIONS, RULE 50-4-.01 EXAMINATIONS.**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

50-4-.01 Examinations.

(1) ~~The Examinations~~ of applicants for certificates to practice architecture under the title "Architect" ~~will~~ shall be ~~in accordance with the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) prepared by and administered through~~ the National Council of Architectural Registration

~~Boards Uniform Architect Registration Examination (ARE)~~ , as accepted by the Board from time to time.

(2) ~~Each part must be passed singularly and independently, subject to the following:~~

(a) ~~Any part of the examination passed prior to January 1, 2006 is valid indefinitely. A passing grade earned after January 1, 2006 for any division shall be valid for five years, after which the division must be retaken and passed. The five year period shall commence after January 1, 2006, on the date when the first passed division was administered.~~

(b) ~~Effective January 1, 2006, an applicant for a certificate to practice architecture who has not passed any division before January 1, 2006, must pass all parts of the examination within a five year period starting from the date when the first passed division of the examination was administered. The passing grade on any division is valid for five years.~~

~~All passing grades outside of the five-year period will be forfeited, and the applicant must retake and pass that division of the examination again.~~ The exam must be passed in accordance with the NCARB policies current at the time the applicant takes the ARE®, all as accepted by the Board from time to time.

(3) Applicants for examination who qualify under Code Section 43-4-11(b)(1) and have enrolled in the Intern Development Program set forth in Rule 50-7-.02, shall be eligible for admission to the examination. ~~All~~ applicants for examination, or parts thereof, must have met the acceptable practical experience requirements for eligibility to take the examination as provided for in Chapter 50-7 prior to admission to the examination.

(4) After administration of the examination, the contents of the examination will be treated as confidential and will not be disclosed, except in such circumstances and under such conditions as may be approved by the Board. No reuse, copying or reproduction in any manner of any portion of any examination materials is permitted without the Board's permission.

(5) The Board will not conduct with examinees reviews of any portions or divisions of their examinations.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-4-9 and 43-4-11.